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SUBJECT: CAP FOR SOYBEANS AND DEHYDRATED FORAGE

REF: STATE 41383

1. ON MARCH 6 WE INFORMED LOERKE, THE EC COMMISSION'S
US DESK OFFICER, THAT US EMBASSIES WILL PROBABLY BE MAKING
APPROACHES IN CAPITALS ON THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS FOR A
SOYBEAN CAP AND A CAP FOR DEHYDRATED FORAGE.

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2. WE TOLD LOERKE THAT WE OBJECTED THAT THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS ON DEHYDRATED FORAGE INVOLVED NEW SUBSIDIES TO DEHYDRATORS AND INCREASED SUBSIDIES FOR ALFALFA SEEDS. WE REMINED HIM OF OUR 1966 AND 1968 PROTESTS ON ALFALFA AND OUR 1972 PROTESTS ON SEEDS. WE EXPLAINED THAT, AS WITH SOYBEANS, WE WOULD ALSO OPPOSE ANY ACTION TO IMPAIR OUR GATT BINDINGS AND WOULD MOVE RAPIDLY TO RESTORE THE BALANCE OF CONCESSIONS.

3. LOERKE TOOK NOTE OF OUR STATEMENT BUT OFFERED NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT.

4. WE ALSO DISCUSSED THESE ISSUES WITH FALKENBERG OF THE COMMISSION'S DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE. IN THIS DISCUSSION WE REPEATED OUR PREVIOUS STATEMENTS THAT THE US WOULD OPPOSE ANY EC ACTION ON SOYBEANS AND SOYBEANS PRODUCTS WHICH THE US CONSIDERED TO IMPAIR ITS GATT RIGHTS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH IMPAIRMENT RESULTED FROM IMPORT RESTRICTIONS OR DOMESTIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS. WE DREW A PARALLEL BETWEEN THE PROPOSED SUBSIDIES FOR SOYBEANS AND THOSE FOR DEHYDRATED FORAGE AND FORAGE SEED AND POINTED OUT THAT THE US WOULD IN EITHER CASE ASSERT ITS GATT RIGHTS IF THEY WERE IMPAIRED BY COMMUNITY ACTION. FALKENBERG NOTED OUR STATEMENT AND PROMISED TO CONVEY IT TO HIS SUPERIORS. GREENWALD

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